

# RAIN TO BURN THE AIR—RELIEF YESTERDAY.

## THERE IS STILL HOPE FOR MISSOURI'S LATE CORN CROP.

In the Extreme Southeastern Portion of the State Corn is Looking Well, Though Badly in Need of Rain—Late Planted in the Northern Counties Will Make an Average Crop if Moisture Soon Comes—Situation in Nebraska Reported More Serious—Illinois Has but Little Relief.

### FARMERS CONTINUE TO RUSH THEIR STOCK TO MARKET.

#### AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT SAYS CORN CROP AS A WHOLE HAS DETERIORATED.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Washington, July 16.—The Agricultural Department's summary of the corn crop situation is as follows:  
The corn crop as a whole in the great corn States of the central valleys has materially deteriorated and has sustained serious injury over the western portion of the corn belt, especially in Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.  
A very large part of the crop is late, however, and this has withstood the trying conditions of drought and heat remarkably well, and, with early rains, will still make a fair crop. This is particularly applicable to Iowa, Nebraska and portions of Kansas and Northern Missouri.  
The early corn in Central and Southern Missouri, portions of Eastern Kansas, Arkansas and in the Central and West Gulf States has been irreparably injured.  
In the Upper Ohio Valley corn, while needing rain, has improved, and in the Atlantic Coast districts the crop has made excellent progress.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Columbia, Mo., July 16.—Over the greater part of the State the past week has been one of the hottest ever experienced by the people of Missouri. The mean temperature ranged from 80 to 90 degrees above the normal in the central and western sections and 2 to 5 degrees above in the eastern section.

Maximum temperatures of 100 degrees and above occurred in all sections on several consecutive days, the highest temperature reported being 114 degrees at Jefferson City on the 12th.

During the greater part of the week the sky was almost cloudless and no rain has fallen, except a few light, scattered showers, principally in the eastern section. Owing to the extreme dryness much damage has been done by fires. The present outlook is most discouraging that Missouri farmers have had to face for many years.

In portions of Atchison, Nowaday, Harrison and Marion counties, and in a few localities in the extreme southeastern portion of the State, corn is looking well, and needs only a moderate amount of rain to make a good crop. In the northern counties late corn would make little more than fodder.

Cotton in the southeastern counties is holding its own fairly well where well cultivated, though there is some complaint of shedding.

Melons are drying up and ripening very small.  
Hay is well advanced, and the crop, though extremely light in most sections, has been secured in good condition. In portions of Atchison, Nowaday, Buchanan, Bollinger and Cape Girardeau counties a good yield is reported.

Thousands of head of stock are being shipped out and sold at a sacrifice on account of the scarcity of feed. In a few localities a majority of the central and southern counties the entire crop is almost beyond recovery. Even should heavy rains fall within a week it would be of little benefit.

**CONDITIONS IN WRIGHT COUNTY.**  
Odin, Mo., July 16.—In Wright County the corn crop is in a normal condition, but the yield is small. The corn is in a normal condition, but the yield is small. The corn is in a normal condition, but the yield is small.

**BEAT KILLS STREET LABORER.**  
St. Joseph, Mo., July 16.—Frank Boice, aged 55, died from the effects of the heat today. He had been employed on the streets and felt well at work. He died before a physician could reach him.

**LEWIS COUNTY NOT BAD OFF.**  
Le Grange, Mo., July 16.—The drought in Lewis County is not as bad as in other portions of the State, yet the crops have been greatly damaged. The wheat crop, which is in the hands of the farmers, is in a normal condition, but the yield is small.

**HARD TO COMBAT.**  
The Evidence of Our Senses. What St. Louis People Say Is Pretty Good Proof for St. Louis.

When we see it ourselves. When our own ears hear it. When our neighbors tell it. Our friends insist on it. No better evidence can be had. It is not what people say in St. Louis. It is what people say in St. Louis.

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Read this statement made by a citizen: Mrs. Joseph H. Kelly, of 1714 Allen Ave., says: "I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that Doan's Kidney Pills did me a vast amount of good. For several months before I went to Dr. Wilson's Drug Co. for them I suffered intensely at times from pain in the small of my back. I had been reading about Doan's Kidney Pills in the newspapers for a few days before I made my visit to the drug store, and I commenced the treatment with considerable faith in the medicine, as it was guaranteed to cure kidney complaint, and kidney complaint only. My confidence was rewarded by the last dose. I am now well and happy."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Postmaster: Doan's, Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.  
Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

## RAIN A SEVERAL POINTS; LOCAL SHOWERS FORECAST.

**BY DOCTOR R. J. HYATT,**  
Government Forecast Official.  
There is but little change in the local weather situation. The temperature was not very high yesterday, and will hardly reach 100 to-day, on account of the clouds, which shelter us from the direct rays of the sun. The chances for local thunder showers to-night or to-morrow are good. The observations last night indicate that the weather to-day will continue cloudy.  
Reports from weather stations show that the drought has been broken in several sections of the country, and the temperature in the West has been tempered to a considerable extent.  
Yesterday only six places reported a temperature of 100. At more than 100 places the temperature was 90 or below. At Kansas City, Mo., and Dodge City, Kas., all with temperatures of 100, and Concordia, Kas., with a maximum of 102.  
The temperatures over the Central West and the Mississippi Valley still remain moderately high.  
An area of low barometer is spreading over Western Kansas and probably will result in showers, though, to be sure, these will be slight, as the country is so parched and dry there is nothing to draw the moisture from.

## TELLS CATTLEMEN NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED.

C. W. Armour Believes They Can Stand Another Month of Drought if Necessary.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Kansas City, July 16.—"Cattlemen can stand the drought thirty days longer," assured C. W. Armour of the Armour Packing Company. "Packers are watching the situation with anxiety, as nothing is less to be desired than an upset market."

"We have got along so far without much loss," continued Mr. Armour, speaking of the cattle trade generally. "The disaster has not been general. From Central and Eastern Kansas, from Eastern Oklahoma and the Indian Territory and from Missouri cattle have been forced to market because of the drought, but the Northwest has grass to put them on, and their purchases have relieved the situation and forestalled a congestion of beef. No cattle are being sent from Texas, nor will any come so long as the drought region is shipping. They have had fair rains down there. Thirty days longer, I should say, the range men can go without any calamity assailing them. The loss on the current market has been appreciable, but nothing approaching a total loss. This is a vast country, and where one section fails short another can make up for it."

**MISSOURI DEALERS HARD HIT.**  
"Still, Missouri stock raisers are hard hit, so they say over at the yards, Mr. Armour," said a dealer in the city.  
"So it is most apparent. Thirty thousand cattle went into Chicago yesterday, vast herds of them right from our own State and from the West."

"Will the rains of yesterday stop the rush?"  
"No, decidedly not. The ground is so dry and the sun so hot, and the temperature is so excessive that the surface is parched as soon as the sun gets at it. One inch of rain is not worth having after the present sun has had twenty-four hours of it."

"Then what is the outlook?"  
"Cattlemen must be resolute. They must not be precipitate. They have a month to go on, and if they insist on selling their cattle they will come out all right in the end, I believe."

**ILLINOIS.**  
**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Chicago, Ill., July 16.—No material benefit was derived in Chicago to-day as a result of the heavy showers which have fallen in the West.

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**TEXAS.**  
**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Dallas, Tex., July 16.—No relief from the drought in Texas is visible yet. No rain fell within the limits of the State to-day, and the dry weather continues to dry up the crops.

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**BLIGHTED CROPS IN KANSAS.**  
Topeka, Kas., July 16.—While rain has fallen during the past twenty-four hours in the western portion of the State, the drought in the eastern portion is still as bad as ever.

**PLEASANT TO HELP CORN.**  
Columbia, Mo., July 16.—A slight rain fell here this afternoon, but it was not of sufficient quantity to do much for the crop, but will help somewhat.

**RAIN NEAR MOBERLY.**  
Moberly, Mo., July 16.—Good rains are reported north and west of Moberly this afternoon. A mild shower fell in this city, and the clouds are still threatening.

**RAIN NEAR LITTLE ROCK.**  
Butler, Mo., July 16.—Bates County was visited by light showers this morning, and the atmosphere considerably, but not doing material good to crops.

**TO WNE ON FREE SILVER.**  
Discusses Next Democratic Platform and Ohio Convention.

**PLUNGER AT THE RACES.**  
Brewer's Son Is Now Under Serious Charge in Chicago.

Chicago, July 16.—Louis Kotte, son of the late George Kotte, a wealthy Cincinnati brewer, who was arrested here last night, was charged with the murder of a woman, who was found dead in a room at the Hotel Hamilton, 118 Dearborn avenue.

**FREE BACK FARE IN BUFFALO FOR VISITORS TO THE PAN-AMERICAN.**  
Almost a month of the Pan-American Exposition itself is still at the hotel, the largest hotel in the world, built especially for the accommodation of Pan-American visitors. It is within one block of the main entrance to the exposition and will accommodate 5,000 guests. The rate is but \$2 and \$3 per day for lodging, breakfast and evening entertainment. The hotel is open at any time and there are two or more of our boys to spend two or more days at the hotel. This will give you a full view of the whole of the beautiful Delaware avenue and the Park System.

**CASTORIA** (for infants and children). The Kidney Pills Always Cures.

## MORE RAIN, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO RECLAIM THE DYING CROPS.

Soil So Dry and Sun-Baked That Showers Do But Little Good—Late Corn Gets a New Lease of Life Perhaps From the Moisture, but More Will Be Needed at Once—Missouri Receives Its Share of What Rain Fell.

### CLOUDS GIVE SOME PROMISE OF ANOTHER DOWNPOUR SOON.

Several counties in Missouri were visited by storms Tuesday, some of them being accompanied by considerable rain. Specials to The Republic indicate a heavy downpour through the western and northern portions of Pettis County.

At Centerton, near Jefferson City, the rain was preceded by heavy wind by which several buildings were wrecked. North and west of Moberly fair rains were reported.

The Indian Territory appears to have been favored by heavy downpours, benefiting crops considerably. The moisture has been only sufficient in most places to wash the dust from the corn leaves and increase the humidity in the western corn belt. It may be the means of breaking the drought.

The Government weather officials see no immediate prospects for a heavy downpour anywhere, but unofficial predictions are that the humidity which is now high throughout Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa, will result in rains before many hours. Heretofore the heat has been dry, but now there's a change, and these showers may be the forerunners of rain that may do the corn and other crops good.

Temperatures were high all through the West and ranged from 90 to 104. Central Missouri had thunderstorms and showers about 5 o'clock this evening, which had the effect of reducing the temperature from 108 to 84. The rain, however, did the growing crops but little good. Rain is also reported in California, Tipton, Union, Fulton, Lynn and Mexico counties.

**VICTIMS OF LIGHTNING.**  
Several Lives Lost in Storms Which Followed Drought.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Chandler, Ok., July 16.—During a heavy rainstorm Monday evening lightning struck and killed Mrs. James Loring near this place.

**STRIKES FATHER AND SON.**  
**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Jackson, Tenn., July 16.—William Percy, a farmer of this county, and son took shelter yesterday afternoon during a thunderstorm in a large barn. Lightning hit the barn, struck Percy on the back of the head, and passed between the first and second toes. His hair was burned off and the lightning left a red mark wherever it touched. He is now in a critical condition. His son was also struck unconscious, but did not fare as badly as his father. Both were taken to the hospital. Escape from death seems almost miraculous.

**POLK COUNTY RESCUING.**  
**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Boltov, Mo., July 16.—The long drought is broken. A splendid rain fell here this afternoon. It is a relief to the people of Polk County, who have been suffering from the drought for many months.

**KANSAS.**  
Kansas City, Mo., July 16.—Rain fell over an area of eighty miles around Kansas City this morning. The rain was not of sufficient quantity to do much for the crop, but will help somewhat.

**MISSOURI.**  
**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Sedalia, Mo., July 16.—Pettis County was visited by good rainstorms to-day, the heaviest in the western portion of the State. Heavy rains fell during the afternoon just south of Sedalia, but the drought in the eastern portion is still as bad as ever.

**INDIANA.**  
Indianapolis, Ind., July 16.—The drought in Indiana is not as bad as in other portions of the State, yet the crops have been greatly damaged. The wheat crop, which is in the hands of the farmers, is in a normal condition, but the yield is small.

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Fayetteville, Ark., July 16.—The drought in Arkansas is not as bad as in other portions of the State, yet the crops have been greatly damaged. The wheat crop, which is in the hands of the farmers, is in a normal condition, but the yield is small.

**LOUISIANA.**  
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New Orleans, La., July 16.—The drought in Louisiana is not as bad as in other portions of the State, yet the crops have been greatly damaged. The wheat crop, which is in the hands of the farmers, is in a normal condition, but the yield is small.

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Memphis, Tenn., July 16.—The drought in Mississippi is not as bad as in other portions of the State, yet the crops have been greatly damaged. The wheat crop, which is in the hands of the farmers, is in a normal condition, but the yield is small.

**ALABAMA.**  
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Montgomery, Ala., July 16.—The drought in Alabama is not as bad as in other portions of the State, yet the crops have been greatly damaged. The wheat crop, which is in the hands of the farmers, is in a normal condition, but the yield is small.

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Tallahassee, Fla., July 16.—The drought in Florida is not as bad as in other portions of the State, yet the crops have been greatly damaged. The wheat crop, which is in the hands of the farmers, is in a normal condition, but the yield is small.

**GEORGIA.**  
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Atlanta, Ga., July 16.—The drought in Georgia is not as bad as in other portions of the State, yet the crops have been greatly damaged. The wheat crop, which is in the hands of the farmers, is in a normal condition, but the yield is small.

**SOUTH CAROLINA.**  
**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Columbia, S.C., July 16.—The drought in South Carolina is not as bad as in other portions of the State, yet the crops have been greatly damaged. The wheat crop, which is in the hands of the farmers, is in a normal condition, but the yield is small.

**NORTH CAROLINA.**  
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Raleigh, N.C., July 16.—The drought in North Carolina is not as bad as in other portions of the State, yet the crops have been greatly damaged. The wheat crop, which is in the hands of the farmers, is in a normal condition, but the yield is small.

**VIRGINIA.**  
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Richmond, Va., July 16.—The drought in Virginia is not as bad as in other portions of the State, yet the crops have been greatly damaged. The wheat crop, which is in the hands of the farmers, is in a normal condition, but the yield is small.

**MARYLAND.**  
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Baltimore, Md., July 16.—The drought in Maryland is not as bad as in other portions of the State, yet the crops have been greatly damaged. The wheat crop, which is in the hands of the farmers, is in a normal condition, but the yield is small.

## CROPS GENERALLY IN NEED OF MOISTURE.

Government Report Indicates That Much Will Yet Be Saved If It Rains.

### DEPENDING ON LATE CORN.

Vegetation May Recuprate If Downpour Comes Soon—Apples Beginning to Show Effects of Drought.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Washington, July 16.—The weekly crop report of the Agricultural Department, issued to-day, gives conditions in the Southwest as follows:

**MISSOURI.**  
Missouri—Another week of extreme heat and drought; late corn in northern counties would make a fair yield with rain; early corn is greatly damaged, and in central and southern sections almost the entire crop is beyond help; cotton generally is doing its own, but there is some complaint of shedding; hay is nearly finished, very light yield; stock is being fed and water is scarce; apples and peaches are drying up and failing.

**ALABAMA.**  
Alabama—Excessively hot, with drying winds; insufficient showers; in extreme east and southwest drought serious; cotton small, but clean, well formed and fruiting fairly well; rice, however, is being laid by, clean and healthy, continues to do well in dry lands, growth retarded by blossoming late; sugarcane, however, is doing well; the yield will be light; pastures, gardens and melons are inferior; plums and grapes yielding well.

**MISSISSIPPI.**  
Mississippi—Very hot and dry; early corn is generally beyond help and some is being cut for fodder; with good rains soon, late corn will make a fair yield; rice is being laid by, clean and healthy, continues to do well in dry lands, growth retarded by blossoming late; sugarcane, however, is doing well; the yield will be light; pastures, gardens and melons are inferior; plums and grapes yielding well.

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Louisiana—Showers first of week in north portion and higher temperature; condition of sugar cane is greatly improved, plant is growing and jointing rapidly; rice also is improved and doing well; only a few light scattered showers; sugarcane, however, is doing well; the yield will be light; pastures, gardens and melons are inferior; plums and grapes yielding well.

**TEXAS.**  
Texas—Hot and dry in north; general showers in south, with good local rains in southwestern portion. Corn is suffering from drought in northern portion; rain in the southern portion; cane is doing well; the yield will be light; pastures, gardens and melons are inferior; plums and grapes yielding well.

**ARKANSAS.**  
Arkansas—Excessively high temperatures, with general absence of rainfall; all crops have been greatly damaged by drought. Sugarcane is doing well; the yield will be light; pastures, gardens and melons are inferior; plums and grapes yielding well.

**TENNESSEE.**  
Tennessee—High temperatures, much sunshine and dry winds; crops are suffering from drought in northern portion; rain in the southern portion; cane is doing well; the yield will be light; pastures, gardens and melons are inferior; plums and grapes yielding well.

**INDIANA.**  
Indiana—Warmer weather; no rain; corn is growing rapidly in clean fields, but unless rain comes soon the prospect for a heavy crop is not bright; sugarcane is doing well; the yield will be light; pastures, gardens and melons are inferior; plums and grapes yielding well.

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